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Nava at the 2023 Code for America Summit

Join us as we host several exciting sessions and events at the 2023 Code for America Summit.

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Are you going to the Code for America Summit, May 16-17? Nava staff want to meet you! We're hosting several exciting sessions that we'd love for you to attend, including a social hour for people of color.

Tweet at Nava (@NavaPBC) to meet up at the event or say hi to the following folks in-person.

People of color social hour

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 - 8:30pm at New Heights Restaurant

Join us for networking, hor d'oeuvres, and beverages at an inclusive event for anyone who identifies as a person of color, including Black, East Asian, Indigenous, Latinx, South Asian, Southeast Asian, and other underrepresented groups. This event is hosted by Code for America and Nava PBC. RSVP here.

Prototyping policy change in the WIC program and beyond

Breakout session on Tuesday, May 16, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Martelle Esposito, Lauren Peterson, and Christina Chauvenet

Pandemic policy waivers temporarily removed in-person requirements for the WIC program, creating an opportunity to prototype possibilities for program transformation in the digital age. At the same time, systemic barriers to equitable technology distribution became apparent. The National WIC Association and Nava PBC will share results from a national survey of WIC participants, a technology landscape assessment, and a demonstration project in Montana, showcasing how to use technology research and prototypes as advocacy tools for policy change like 1) making policy waivers permanent and 2) creating more equitable technology access with a national WIC API standard.

A Decade of Civic Tech: Looking Back and Looking Forward

Mainstage on Wednesday, May 17, 9:00am - 11:00am

Sha Hwang, Paul Smith, Todd Park, Mina Hsiang

Nava's co-founder and COO will join other civic tech leaders to reflect on the past decade's accomplishments and share his perspective on what's ahead.

Ending the blame game: How governments and technology vendors can leverage procurement to co-create solutions and deliver better outcomes

Breakout session on Wednesday, May 17, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Rohan Bhobe, Afua Bruce, David Yarkin, and Kathrin Frauscher

In 2021, U.S. states collectively spent $60.6 billion on IT. Despite these significant costs, we repeatedly hear stories about failures in the procurement and implementation of IT projects, and how these often have an adverse impact on local residents and communities. When things fall apart, governments tend to fault vendors, and vendors point to governments. How might we build relationships across this divide that actually deliver better results? In our "real talk" session, we will bring suppliers, government, and tech procurement intermediaries together to unpack pain points in the procurement process. We will share acquisition and contract management solutions that lead to shared accountability, build mutual trust, and ultimately help create user-friendly digital solutions.

We're so excited to share our mission and work with you at one or several of these sessions!

More from Nava

State of Montana

Designing an API prototype for Montana WIC

Nava worked with the state of Montana's WIC agency to build an API prototype, helping ease data management and informing a national API standard.

A day at Nava as a business operations specialist

Paola Valdez, a business operations specialist, describes her integral role in helping Nava's processes run smoothly and her work with the Juntos ERG.

Testing accessibility at every step of designing and building technology

Improving accessibility to public services with an online application for a state's Medicaid for the aged, blind, and disabled (ABD) supplement.